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## Letter dated 25 January 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Burundi to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter from Mr. Pierre Nkurunziza, President of the Republic of Burundi, addressed to you following the visit by a delegation of the Security Council to Burundi on 21 and 22 January 2016.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Albert **Shingiro**
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## Annex to the letter dated 25 January 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Burundi to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

## Letter from the President of Burundi to the President of the Security Council

At the outset, we would like to express to you our deep gratitude for the visit by a delegation of the Security Council to Burundi on 21 and 22 January 2016.

We welcome the transparency and spirit of mutual respect and cooperation that characterized our discussions on the situation in Burundi. We have taken note of the concerns expressed by the States members of the Council and of the advice and relevant observations formulated during those cordial and respectful discussions.

Following the visit, which we welcomed, taking into consideration the interests of the Burundian people and in keeping with our firm belief in the important good offices role of the Secretary-General, we have decided — and issued instructions accordingly to the officials of the services concerned — to make ourselves available to the Special Adviser of the Secretary-General, and to cooperate closely with his team in order to jointly determine the assistance required to support the inclusive national dialogue process and efforts in the areas of disarmament, security, human rights and development, while remaining open to any other contribution.

We are sincerely grateful for your visit, which reflects the clear interest that the international community has in Burundi. We are also grateful for the Secretary-General's efforts and good offices to assist Burundi in the areas of peacebuilding, democracy and, above all, the ongoing truth and reconciliation process.

You can rest assured of our desire and willingness to cooperate fully with the United Nations, in the national interests of Burundi.

(*Signed*) Pierre **Nkurunziza**
President of the Republic of Burundi